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Community-Driven Project To Prioritize Sidewalk Repairs

Sidewalk Engineering Study Funded by Councilmember Atkins and City

SAN DIEGO--In an effort to repair and improve the aging infrastructure in District Three neighborhoods, Councilmember Toni Atkins recently announced the funding of a sidewalk engineering project which will help prioritize sidewalk, gutter and storm drain repairs in some of the district's oldest neighborhoods.

"Infrastructure repair is one of my top priorities for the district, and I'm always looking for new ways to fix as many streets and sidewalks as possible in a given year," said Councilmember Atkins. "That's why I was happy to help fund this community-driven project that will help us identify and prioritize sidewalk improvement projects in three of our older communities."

Councilmember Atkins was approached last year by three community members concerned with the number of residential sidewalks and gutters in need of repair throughout parts of the district. Sandy Johnson, Ellen Smart and George Billingsley brought forth a request for assistance with a project designed to classify and prioritize the infrastructure deficiencies in our neighborhoods.

"After better defining the scope of the project, we decided to seek out funds for a District Three Sidewalk Engineering Study in three neighborhoods--Normal Heights, North Park and South Park--which are among the oldest in the City," said Atkins. "I'm pleased to report that we've been able to come up with the necessary funds to support this \$226,000 project."

By combining \$100,000 in District Three Community Development Block Grant funds with \$126,000 from the City's Street Division, the project will provide for the preparation of a deficiency study to identify sub-standard sidewalk, gutter, pavement and drainage areas.

"The results of the study will allow us to develop a prioritized list of improvement projects which will guide us on a yearly basis to help address these deficiencies," Atkins said. "It took a lot of time and effort on the part of the community members to compile the information to get this study off the ground, and I want to thank and congratulate Sandy, Ellen and George for a job well done. It's always a pleasure to be able to assist with community-driven projects that truly will improve the quality of life for residents in the district."

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